



**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.**

**DELEGATES' MEETING**

Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30 pm



**MINUTES**

**1. OPEN MEETING**

The President Pat Shinnick opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

**2. PRESENT**

Pat Shinnick, LAC	Don Cox, Melville
James Strong, Denmark AC & Patron	Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach Branch
Gary Evans, Mindarie & Districts Sea Sports Club	Marcia Pekaar, Northampton AC
Chas Riegert, Offshore (South Coastal)	Peter Pekaar, Geraldton AC
Terry Fuller, SCAC	Ian Cook, SCAC
John Crompton, SCAC	Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

**3. APOLOGIES**

George Holman, Russell Bunce, Jason Pember, Ric Cameron

**4. VISITORS**

Trevor Stam, SCAC  
Mark Hansen, SCAC

**5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES**

Pat McKeown, SCAC (proxy for George Holman)

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES**

Nil

It was proposed by Joe Horvath and seconded by Don Cox that the minutes be accepted.

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY MAIL)**

Ken Travers MLC	Shadow minister for Sport & Recreation
Surf Casting & Angling Club	Advice that Terry Fuller will be away from March meeting
Adam Eastman	Old record applications for retention by the Recorder
Surf Casters	Reel Talk Apr 2010
Dept Environment & Conservation	Bushland News Autumn 2010
Dept Environment & Conservation	Woodman Point Regional Park Management Plan 2010

**10. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY EMAIL)**

1. Marcia and Peter Pekaar	Notice of Motion
2. Future Now Mailing List	FutureNow eNews
3. Con Costa	FW: Clubs Online Launch
4. Chas Riegert	Australasian Police and Emergency Services (APES)Games
5. accounts	re payment

6. John Crompton	Confirmation Letter
7. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 7
8. warren usher	Fw: Emailing: doc274.jpg
9. Jenny Travis	Issue 87 Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest
10. Pat Shinnick	Weather for Saturday
11. Pat Shinnick	RE: Income from clubs for AAA Boating event
12. Pat Shinnick	RE: CONTACT LIST
13. John Crompton	Volunteer Grants 2010
14. Pat Shinnick	RE: CONTACT LIST
15. Phil Clohesy	RE: PAYMENT
16. Carolyn Benniman	state beach and rock results
17. Pat Shinnick	RE: CONTACT LIST
18. Phil Clohesy	RE: PAYMENT
19. Pember, Jason	RE: RESULTS
20. Carolyn Benniman	Reply
21. Carmel LANGDON	FW: State boat results
22. Pat Shinnick	AAA Boating Results
23. Medianet Operations	Be a Happy and Safe Fishing Bunny This Easter
24. Carmel LANGDON	debrief this Wed 31st
25. accounts	re invoice
26. Jenny Travis	Red Bull Air Race - North Mole closure
27. Pat Shinnick	RE: re invoice
28. Cheryl Poustie	WASF General Meeting of Council - Draft Minutes
29. Pat Shinnick	RE: re invoice
30. Jenny Travis	Issue 88 of "Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest
31. WA Sports Federation	Sportsview March
32. <a href="mailto:aaawa@inet.net.au">aaawa@inet.net.au</a>	test only
33. Jenny Travis	Media Releases
34. Jenny Travis	Recfishwest Reel News Issue 1, April 2010
35. Jenny Travis	Media Releases
36. Recfish CEO	Media Release - Recfish Australia forced to move backwards
37. Margaret Riddell	Re: 2010 AAA MID TERM DELEGATES MEETING
38. Jenny Travis	Public comment sought for dinghy storage on river foreshore.
39. Jenny Travis	RESOURCE SHARING PROC BEGINS IN THE PEEL/HARVEY
40. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 9
41. Terry Fuller	Recoup for George Holman \$76.70
42. John Crompton	Replacement for George Holman - Pat McKeown
43. Pat Shinnick	Income from Boating

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

Delegates & Clubs	Minutes & Agendas
Margaret Riddell, AAA	Notice of Motion regarding competition rules for records (as directed by George Holman) – via email

## 12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- The old Record Application documents send by Adam Eastman were handed to Ian Cook
- Delegates were asked by Recfishwest to provide names for the 10 free subscriptions to RFW. A list was circulated and the 10 names provided. These will be passed on to Recfishwest by the Secretary.
- Re Email No 44 from Recfish CEO "Recfish Australia" forced to move backwards – Terry provided additional information on this – refer to Recfishwest Report
- Ken Travers, MLC North Metropolitan Region, is the Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, and has asked to be updated with major events or activities held by the AAAWA
- Pat read out the details of the Notice of Motion forwarded to Margaret Riddell for the Mid Term Meeting:

### **Notice of Motion**

Refer AAA National By-Laws (Subsidiary Rules of the Australian Anglers Association) Section 13. Records Authority subsection (1)

“(1) The Committee shall receive and process applications for Drycasting Records cast at National Championships or State Championships or interclub or club event. To achieve a National Casting Record, the casting venue must be registered with the State AAA one (1) months prior to the event. A minimum of eight (8) casters must compete. All measurements must be by steel rule or laser device for accuracy.”

**Reason for the proposed addition:-** To make it possible for records cast at properly run and properly managed events other than State or National Championships to be recognised as National casting records.

It was moved by Don Cox and seconded by Chas Riegert that the correspondence be accepted.

### **13. TREASURERS REPORT**

General Account Balance \$ 16467.65 (does not include income for March 2010)	Carnival Account Balance \$1224.73
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Income for April 2010

Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club	Sponsorship State Boat Champs	200.00
Club Marine	Sponsorship State Boat Champs	1,200.00
Westpac Bank	Interest Carnival A/c	1.05
Westpac Bank	Interest General A/c	14.27
MAAC	Nomination Fees State Boats	1235.00
QRFC	Nomination Fees State Boats	260.00
MAAC	Nomination Fees State Boats	100.00
Pat Shinnick	Misc takings – State Boats	61.20
Mandurah OSFC	Nomination Fees State Boats	505.00
Hillarys Yacht Club	Sponsorship State Boats	200.00
Total		3,776.52

Accounts for payment April 2010

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Post office	Stamps	55.00
Woolworths	Copy paper	6.25
Trophy Choice	State Boat Championships – trophies	\$459.80
George Holman	Bunnings – Hose reels for dry casting trailer	76.70
Total		\$1097.75

It was moved by Marcia Pekaar and seconded by Joe Horvath that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment.

### **14. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

#### **President's Report**

Pat thanked all those who have helped at recent events. He reminded delegates and clubs that they need to start considering the AAWA positions which will become vacant at this year's AGM, in August. For anyone considering the President's position, he made it clear that there is a lot of knowledge and backup to be provided by others. Having someone nominate early for the position will make the AGM easier and Pat is happy to speak to anyone about this.

#### **Fishing Clinic Report**

It would appear that the fishing clinics are not going to go ahead this year due to lack of time and resources on the part of AAWA delegates. Pat hopes that this can be re-established next year when

people have more resources. Pat reminded delegates that if AAAWA did not receive DSR financial support, expenses such as the the position of secretary could not be funded.

### **Estuary, Rock and Beach Report**

- The results of the recent Estuary Rock and Beach event listed on the AAAWA website were incorrect. Jason Pember was going to provide an amended set for the website and Terry Fuller is still awaiting the updated version for the website.
- Don Cox advised that some of the refurbished trophies are ready to be returned.
- Don Cox also advised that a debrief would be set up to discuss the last Estuary Rock and Beach event and he will advise further on that.

### **Boating Report**

Pat reported on the recent State Boat Championships, held at Mandurah. The morning's weather was good but it blew up in the afternoon. There were a total of 166 participants in 83 boats. The event went well and was well run, with great prizes and a lot of hard work done by a band of volunteers. The Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club was a wonderful venue. Pat is now looking forward to the next event in 2011 at the Hillarys ramp, to be run by the Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club.

### **Dry Casting Report**

No meetings have been held. The Yokine Reserve is booked for the next Dry Casting event and volunteers are needed to organise and run the event. It is understood that George Holman has offered to run the event but he hasn't called for a meeting as yet.

### **Recfishwest Report – Terry Fuller**

1. National Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee (RFAC) has prepared a discussion paper – "Recreational Fishing in Australia-2010 and Beyond" which is out for public comment until 30 April. <http://www.daff.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/rfids>

2. Recfish Australia has been refused funding by the Federal Government and will lose all full time staff. Will now contract back to a volunteer Board run from Melbourne after 30 April when the CEO's contract cannot be renewed. This volunteer Board will not be able to do what full time staff could do.

In the week after the government finally released its National Strategy for Recreational Fishing for public comment, it is ironic that Recfish Australia is required to take such dramatic action. Recfish Australia is repeatedly recognised in the National Strategy for all its past hard work and industry leadership but has now been denied the funding it requires for ongoing representation of the national interests for 3.5 million recreational fishers, providing expert and sound advice to government agencies and the fishing and boating industries. [http://www.recfish.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=100](http://www.recfish.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=100)

Fishers are urged to contact their MPs about providing funding for the National Peak recreational fishing body, Recfish Australia.

3. Recfishwest Northern fishing clinics tour going as far as Kununurra has started. Woodside has provided sponsorship. Meeting will be held with recreational fishers in the Regional areas.

4. Discussions have started on resource sharing between commercial and recreational fishermen in the Peel Harvey estuary.

5. Kimberley Marine Parks/Sanctuary areas:- articles and letters in response have been published in the West Australian newspaper.

Since the Delegates meeting two very informative and important reports have been released.

Already the Conservation Council of WA has issued a media release and very selectively used the contents and recommendations of the second paper in its attempts to put uninformed or misinformed public pressure on politicians in support of large Sanctuary/no fishing zones.

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/frr/frr169/index.php?0401> Fisheries Research Report No. 169, 2010.

Title:- "The efficacy of sanctuary areas for the management of fish stocks and biodiversity in WA waters."

<http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/category/40/952/2323/> Title:- "Report on the Scientific Basis for and the Role of Marine Sanctuaries in Marine Planning." by the Marine Scientific Panel:- Simon Woodley (Chair), Professor Neil Loneragan, Dr Russ Babcock. Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Fisheries are named on the front cover.

6. Recfishwest has presented its submission to the Parliamentary Enquiry into Drinking Water Source Protection. The current policy has severely restricted recreational fishing and other recreational activities in WA dams.

7. A quota management system will be applied from the 2010/11 season for commercial Western Rock Lobster. The effect if any on recreational lobster fishing is not yet known.

### **Business Arising from RFW Report**

Discussion followed about where the money from licences would go. Terry responded that he cannot answer this question, although it has been put to the Minister and Department of Fisheries.

Further to their media release, Recfish Australia have advised that this peak body has been rejected financial support from the Australian Government, forcing them to not renew their CEO's contract. They called on all recreational fishers, fishing tackle retailers/manufacturers, etc to write or personally visit the federal MP asking "how millions of fishers who contribute billions of dollars annually can so easily lose their one voice to government".

### **Recording Officer Report**

Record applications received in the mail from Adam Eastman were handed to the recorder, Ian Cook. (He has since advised that these have already been processed). Discussion followed about how fish records are weighed. Clarification needs to be sought on what is a certified or registered scales. Ian commented that the Records Authority are able to determine the weight of a fish from its girth and weight to ensure the weights claimed are accurate. Claimants are usually questioned personally about their fish record and can be asked to provide additional information about the weighing scales used.

Ian Cook needs to clear out some old AAAWA from his house, including minutes, fish records, convention pamphlets, the Fisheries Act 1975, etc. As a lot of the material is relevant to the Whitfords Sea Sports Club he will approach Henry Boogard to go through it with him and give the relevant material to him. Terry Fuller will transfer an old floppy disk (possibly containing fish record information) onto CD

## **15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Notice of Motion**

At the March meeting it was moved by Joe Horvath (Offshore Angling Club, Beach Branch) and seconded by James Strong (Denmark Angling Club) that:

"A Super Veterans section be introduced for those members over the age of 70 years. This will apply to individual and team registrations, and is designed to avoid penalizing older competitors when opposing younger, stronger, fitter under 70-year-old Veterans".

***NB: The proposed Super Vet team would be applicable to WA – not nationally***

Discussion took place as follows:

- What is the number of veterans that would be affected?
- We do not have access to veterans' date of birth as DOB is only asked for juniors and veterans (55 and over) on registration forms but these records are not maintained
- We need to encourage youth in competitions, you can't expect a 70 YO to compete against a 60 YO.
- For small clubs it might mean there are not enough to form a team - could be isolating
- Clubs would only have to enter a Super Vet team if they wish to. It is up to the individual and only an option.
- There was a women's Vet Team at the National Championships at Wallaroo, SA
- Encouraging a Super Vets team might assist to keep participant numbers up

- Older people are now competing for longer – a good reason for a 70+ group
- Some people would only be interested if there was a full team of Super Vets
- Smaller teams could be considered e.g. 2 and a reserve) but that decision would be up to the event organising committee
- Perhaps AAAWA should stipulate how many should be in a team, e.g. a minimum of two people. Groups can then come to the AAAWA and ask to change the team numbers
- The motion doesn't restrict itself to any group, it would apply to all sections
- Pat commented that whilst the Boating Section would not use the Super Vet category, they are not opposed to it and will vote in support of it.

**To be voted on by delegates at the May meeting.**

- James Strong has renewed his drivers licence but is no longer able to drive at night. After 30 years' attendance at AAAWA meetings, he requested if he could be offered a lift to and from meetings. Some Surf Casters members will organise this between them\
- Congratulations were extended to James Strong from all delegates on his recent 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Ian Cook asked Terry Fuller on progress regarding the refunds to individuals from the SA trip last year. A meeting has been planned for the interested parties to resolve this on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Ian Cook will email the details to relevant parties. Pat Shinnick Pat urged those concerned to sort this out.

**16. CLOSE MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30 pm.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010-2012**

2010	
October	• Dry Casting Competition Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2010 at Yokine Reserve
November	• Estuary event 27 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> November. Swan & Canning Rivers/Cockburn Sound.
2011	
March	State Boating Championships. To be held at Hillarys, hosted by Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> March. Beach and Rock event at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park, boundaries Bremer Bay river mouth to Albany Harbour Jetty.</li> <li>• State Boating Championships hosted by Marmion Aquatic and Angling Club on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011.</li> </ul>
October	• Beach & Rock event at Port Gregory. Boundaries Kalbarri to Bowes River Mouth.

**Events can be added to this Calender by contacting the Secretary:**

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